

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO BETTY GILES

• Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the upcoming 75th birthday of a dear friend in Hinton, WV, Betty Giles.

Betty is a lovely person who has a strong sense of family and community. Through her work and volunteer activities she has made a difference.

Betty began her career at the hospital in Montgomery, WV. She then worked at the Hinton Hospital until it closed, and spent the rest of her career at the Greenbrier Valley Hospital in Fairlea. Compassionate and thoughtful, she was beloved by patients and colleagues alike.

Betty has always possessed a love of learning and curiosity that led her to learn more and do more, both in her work and in her life. She faces challenges straight on, and stands up for what she believes in. She has always been involved in community service, running the elementary school carnival when her children were young, singing in the ecumenical choir around the holidays, and spearheading a food pantry at her church that has been extremely important in times of hardship. When friends are ill, she is always there to lend a hand to help or an ear to listen.

She values family and friends, loyally supporting those she loves. Betty is the proud mother of two children, Ted and Terri. I was proud to have her daughter Terri as a member of my staff for many years. I treasure her friendship and wish her the best for her 75th birthday.●

15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHILE AND FRIJOLE FESTIVAL

• Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, today I acknowledge an increasingly popular event that celebrates a truly unique aspect of western history and culture in Pueblo, CO. Fifteen years ago, Pueblo's Chamber of Commerce created a festival highlighting the anthropological significance of regionally important foods: chile and beans. Although one might think that this festival is just a celebration of an agricultural harvest of two crops, it is much more. These foods have been part of southern Colorado's history for centuries. From 1842 to 1854—in the same location this festival takes place today—French and American traders, native peoples, and Spanish and Mexican settlers traded these staples and several other goods, making the lower Arkansas River Valley in Colorado a major trading hub during Western settlement.

Now in its 15th year, the 3-day Chile and Frijole Festival celebrates and fortifies a vibrant and rich culture through traditional regional music and distinctive regional dishes, which truly makes Pueblo, CO, a cultural gateway to the American Southwest. It also em-

phasizes the importance of southern Colorado's agricultural community, which supplies the locally grown green chile and produce that is the center of this event.

Pueblo and southern Colorado have historically played an integral role in Colorado's economic and cultural development. From the days when native tribes traded with Hispanic, French and American settlers from Bent's Fort to Fort Pueblo, to more contemporary days as an industrial and agricultural powerhouse of Colorado, Pueblo and southern Colorado continue to evolve and contribute positively to Colorado's growth. The Chile and Frijole Festival in Pueblo is a true testament to the region's continuing contributions to our State.

I congratulate the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce and the city of Pueblo for another year of celebrating the region's heritage and future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO PERSONS WHO COMMIT, THREATEN TO COMMIT, OR SUPPORT TERRORISM THAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13224 ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2006—PM 31

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice, stating that the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or sup-

port terrorism is to continue in effect beyond September 23, 2009.

The crisis constituted by the grave acts of terrorism and threats of terrorism committed by foreign terrorists, including the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, in New York and Pennsylvania and against the Pentagon, and the continuing and immediate threat of further attacks on United States nationals or the United States that led to the declaration of a national emergency on September 23, 2001, has not been resolved. These actions pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism, and maintain in force the comprehensive sanctions to respond to this threat.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, September 21, 2009.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3221. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1687. A bill to prohibit the Federal Government from awarding contracts, grants, or other agreements to, providing any other Federal funds to, or engaging in activities that promote the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3038. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Meptyldinocap; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8429-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3039. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spinosad; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8434-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3040. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,